

respectfully disagree and assert that one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that a "time cycle," as that term is used in the claim, would correspond to a time cycle of an electrical system to which the arrester is connected (as now explicitly recited in dependent claim 26), such that an impulse could not include the recited 12 time cycles.

Claims 19 and 20 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Kester in view of Nedriga (U.S. Patent No. 5,047,891). Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Nedriga does not remedy the failure of Kester to describe or suggest the features of claim 1.

Claims 6-9, 12, 19 and 20 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Kester in view of Nedriga, and further in view of Porter (U.S. Patent No. 5,763,043). Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Porter does not remedy the failure of Kester and Nedriga to describe or suggest the features of claim 1.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

No fees are believed to be due. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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